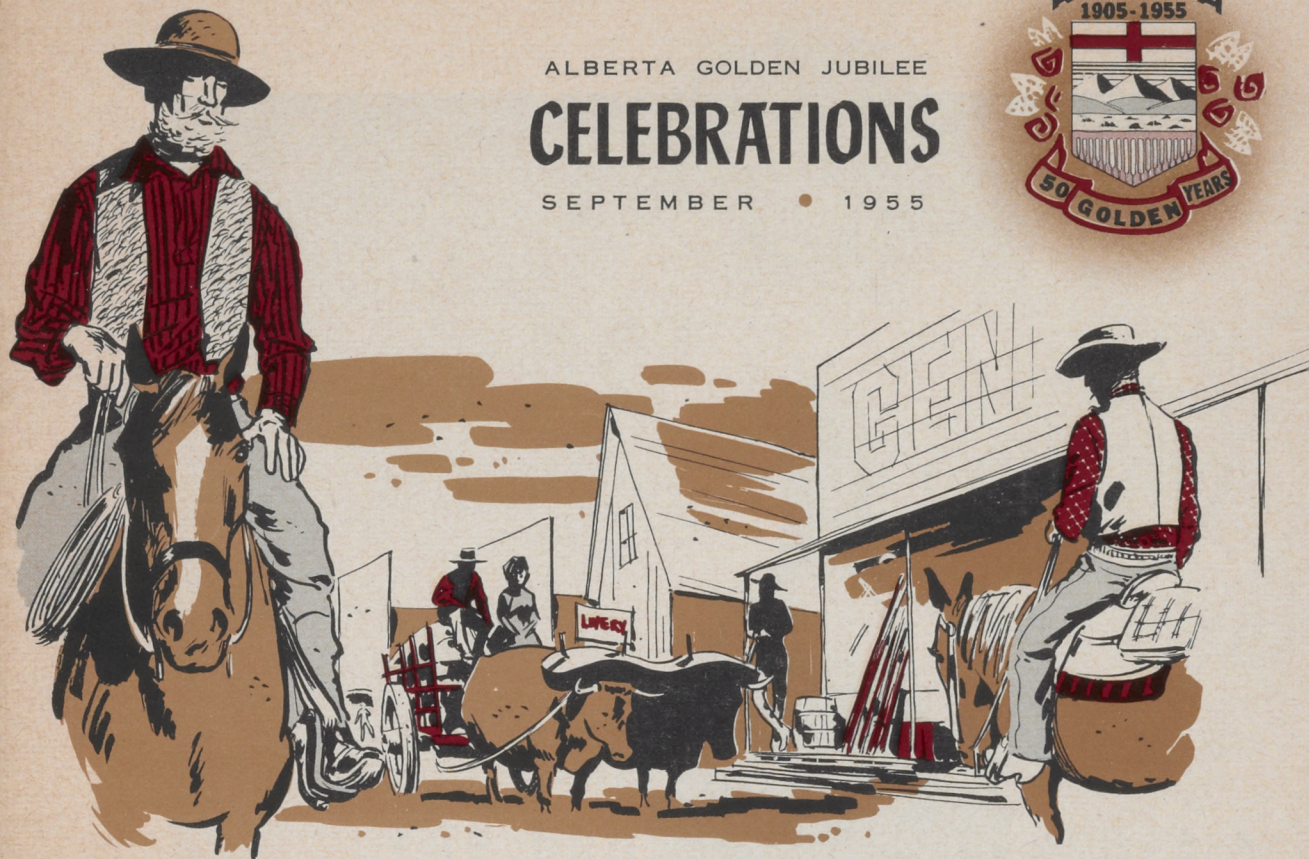
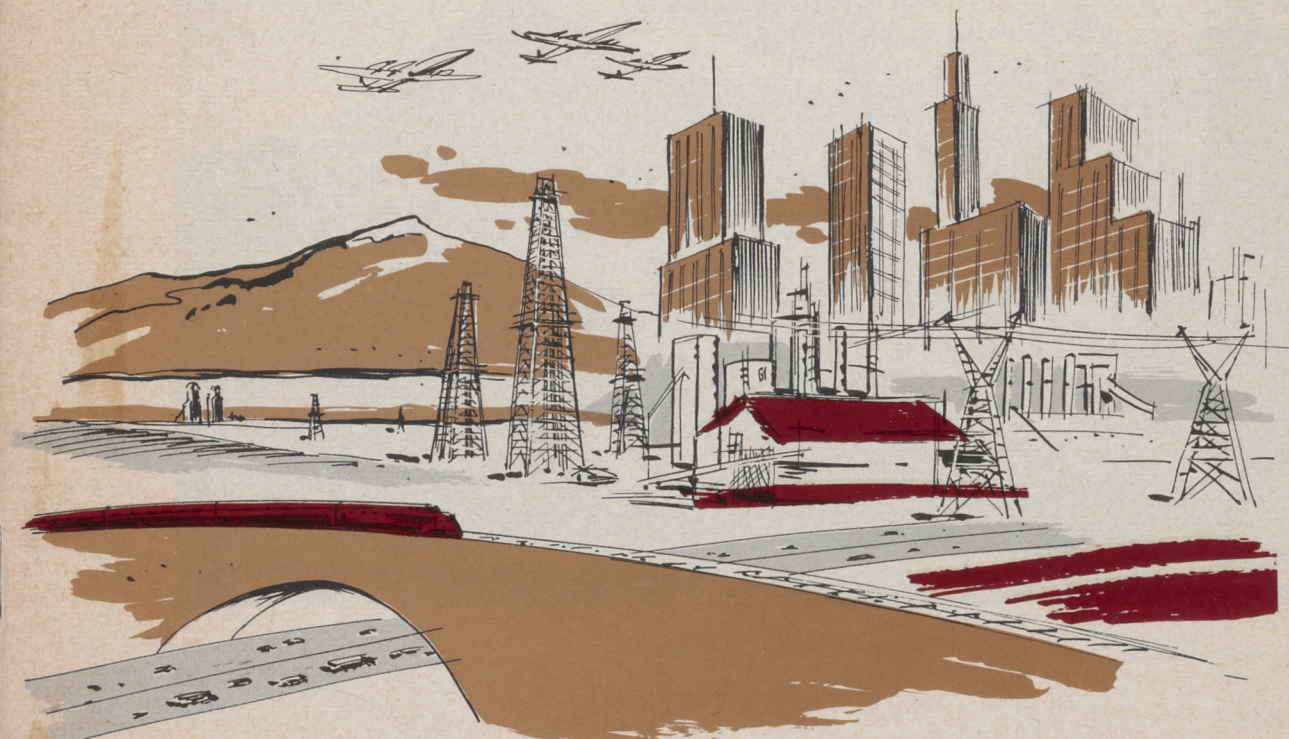


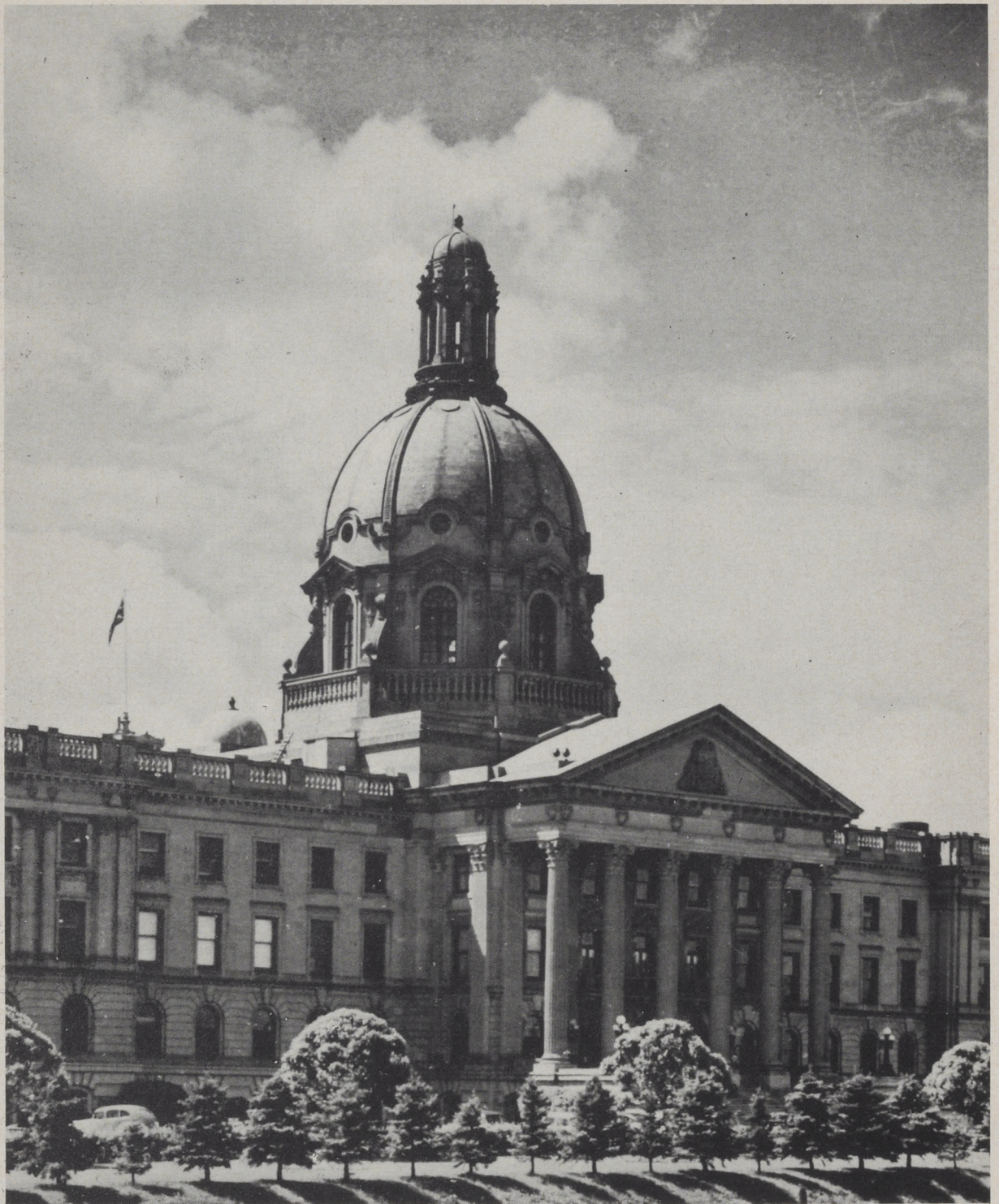
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**CELEBRATIONS**  
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1905 - 1955 FIFTY YEARS OF PROGRESS



SOUVENIR PROGRAMME



*Alberta Legislative Building*



# *Fiftieth Anniversary*

OF THE

**INAUGURATION OF  
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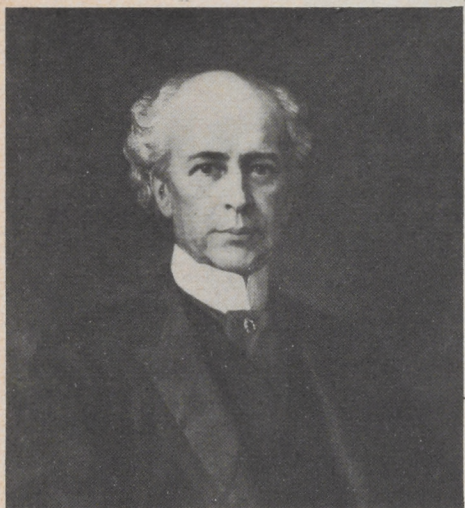
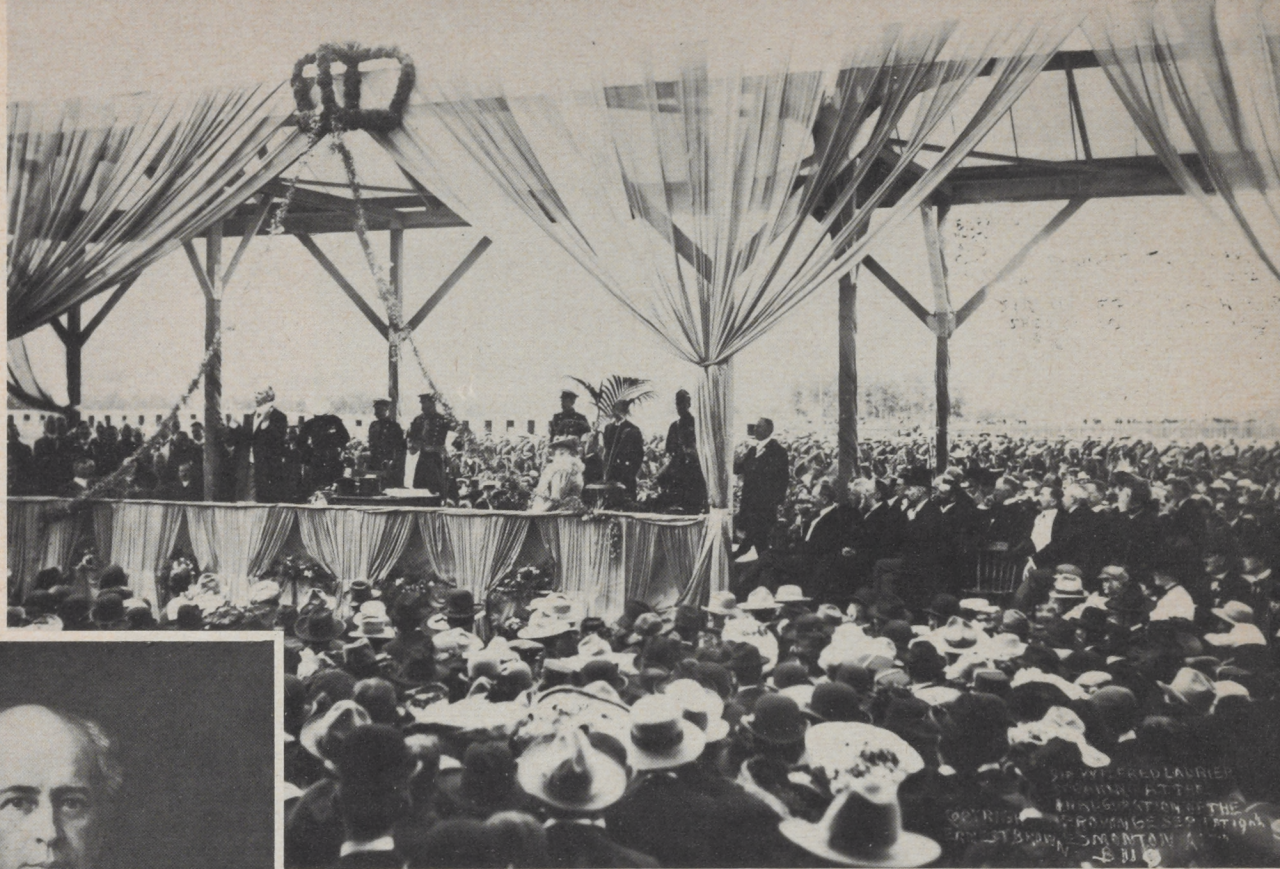
The day was bright and sunny, and thousands of people lined the streets to watch the parade of bands, singing school children, floats, automobiles and footman-attended carriages.



# Inauguration Day, September 1, 1905

JUST fifty years ago, Alberta became a province of the Dominion of Canada. On September 1, 1905, twenty thousand citizens gathered at the Exhibition Grounds in Edmonton, designated capital of the new province, for the formal inaugural ceremonies. Among the illustrious speakers of the day were Earl Grey, Governor General of Canada, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Prime Minister, whose stirring address to the people of Alberta provided new fuel for the flame of determination and ambition burning in these province-builders.





*Citizens of the new province listen with growing excitement to the picture of Alberta's future drawn by the brilliant statesman, Sir Wilfrid Laurier*

## EXCERPTS FROM THE INAUGURATION SPEECH

BY *Sir Wilfrid Laurier ....*

"WHEN I look about me on this vast sea of upturned faces I see the determination of the new province. I see everywhere hope. I see everywhere calm resolution, courage, enthusiasm to face all difficulties, to settle all problems. If it be true everywhere, it must be more true here in this new province, in this bracing atmosphere of the prairie, that 'Hope springs eternal in the human breast' . . . it is necessary that we should have the hearty co-operation of all the people, of all the citizens of Alberta . . . the co-operation of the old settlers and pioneers . . . the co-operation also of the new citizens who have come from all parts of the world, I may say, to give to Canada, to give to Alberta, the benefit of their individuality, of their energy, of their enterprise. . . . Let say me to

one and all of our fellow-countrymen, that the Dominion of Canada is in one respect like the kingdom of Heaven. Those who come at the eleventh hour will receive as fair treatment as those who have been in the fold for a long time. What we have we want to share with them, our land, our laws, our civilization. Let them be Britain's subjects, let them take their share of the life of this country, whether it be municipal, provincial or national. Let them be electors as well as citizens. We do not anticipate, and we do not want, that any individuals should forget the land of their origin or their ancestors. Let them look to the past, but let them look also to the future; let them look to the land of their ancestors, but let them look also to the land of their children."



*The buildings of old Fort Edmonton stood just below the site of the Alberta Legislative Building.*

*Driving thousands of head of cattle from the United States, early ranchers established a flourishing beef cattle business on the rolling plains of southern Alberta.*



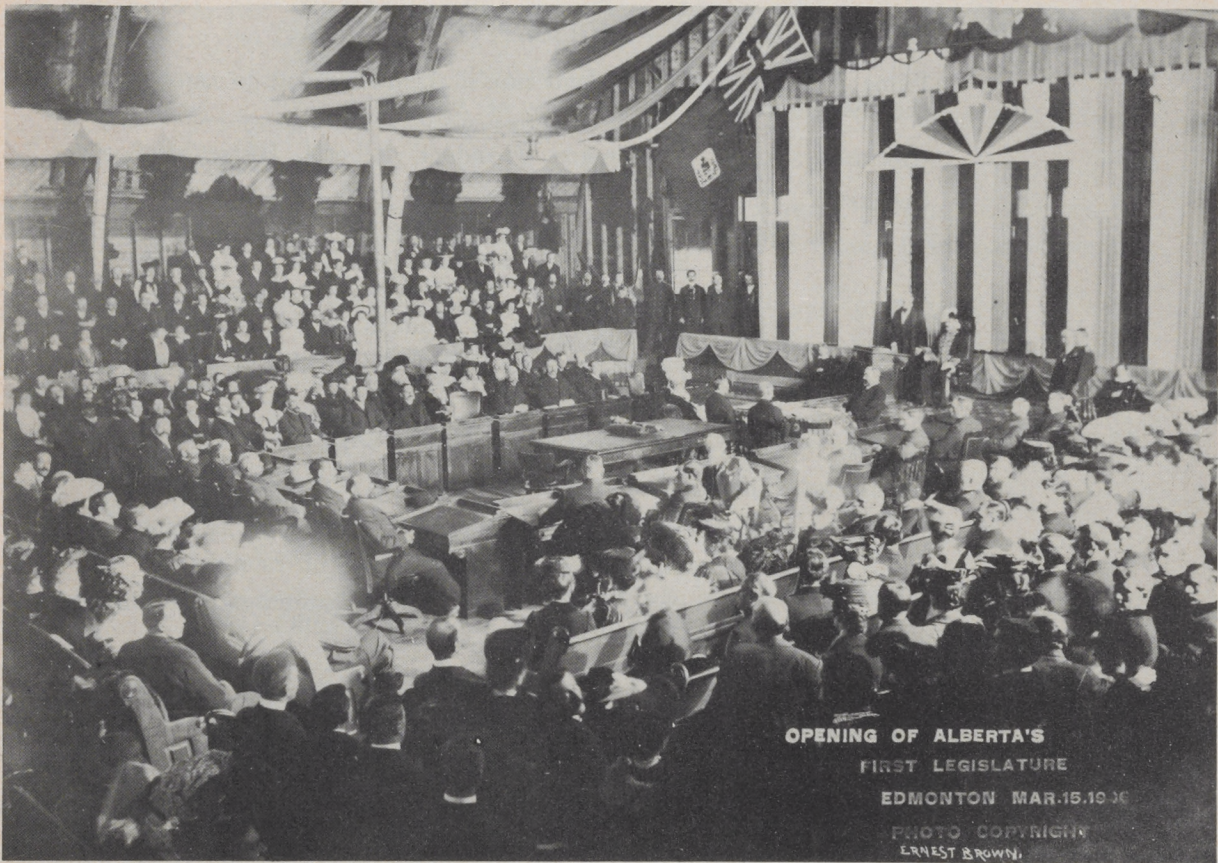
*In many areas early settlers soon discovered rich seams of coal to be mined for local use.*

# A GLIMPSE OF THE PAST

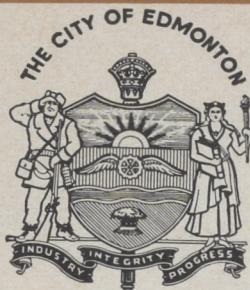
*The Saskatchewan River yielded gold in small amounts to the patient prospector in the early days.*



*Alberta's first Legislature was opened in the Thistle Rink, Edmonton, March 15, 1906, by Lieutenant-Governor Bulyea, with A. C. Rutherford as the province's first premier.*



OPENING OF ALBERTA'S  
FIRST LEGISLATURE  
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# Alberta Golden Jubilee

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA—C

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER 7

10:00      Arrival at Legislative Building of Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta and the Prime Minister of Canada in the landau carriage which carried Sir Wilfrid Laurier to the inauguration ceremonies in Edmonton, September 1, 1905. They will be escorted by a mounted guard of the 19th Alberta Dragoons C.A.(M). A Guard of Honour will be provided from Reserve and Militia Units of the Navy, Army and Airforce in Edmonton. The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Band will be in attendance through the kind permission of Major H. G. Munro, Officer Commanding, P.P.C.L.I. Regimental Depot.

10:15      PROVINCIAL CEREMONY—LEGISLATIVE BUILDING

Prime Minister of Canada will unveil the monument to commemorate the inauguration of the Province of Alberta.

CHAIRMAN: J. G. MacGregor, President, Alberta Historical Society.

SPEAKERS: Colonel F. C. Jamieson, V.D., Q.C.

Morden H. Long, M.A., F.R.C.S., Alberta Member, Historic Sites and Monument Board of Canada.

The Right Honourable Louis St. Laurent, P.C., Q.C., LL.D., Prime Minister of Canada.

The Honourable E. C. Manning, Premier of Alberta.

12:30      PROVINCIAL-CIVIC LUNCHEON—Macdonald Hotel.

CHAIRMAN: The Honourable E. C. Manning, Premier of Alberta.

SPEAKERS: His Worship William Hawrelak, Mayor of Edmonton.

Sir Seymour Howard, Lord Mayor of London.

The Right Honourable Louis St. Laurent, Prime Minister of Canada.

ALL SPECTATORS are asked to please remain in their  
*In the event of adverse weather, parade and Clarke Stadium*

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

# Jubilee Celebrations



CITY OF EDMONTON

## PROGRAM

MBER 7, 1955

### 2:15 GOLDEN JUBILEE PARADE

ROUTE: Down Jasper Avenue from 116th Street to 96th Street, turning north on 96th Street to 108th Avenue and east to Clarke Stadium.

*Entire Parade will march around Clarke Stadium Track.*

### CLARKE STADIUM PROGRAM

2:00 Edmonton School Boys Band Concert.

2:15 Jubilee Pageant, Part I.

3:15 Arrival of Lieutenant-Governor, Prime Minister, Premier and other members of the Official Party.

3:30 Arrival of Golden Jubilee Parade.

4:00 Provincial-Civic Golden Jubilee Ceremonies.

Invocation.

CHAIRMAN: His Worship, William Hawrelak, Mayor of Edmonton.

SPEAKERS: The Honourable Dr. J. J. Bowlen, Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta.

Sir Seymour Howard, Lord Mayor of London.

The Honourable E. C. Manning, Premier of Alberta.

The Right Honourable Louis St. Laurent, Prime Minister of Canada.

4:30 Navy, Army, Airforce March Past and Fly Past.

4:45 Jubilee Pageant, Part II.

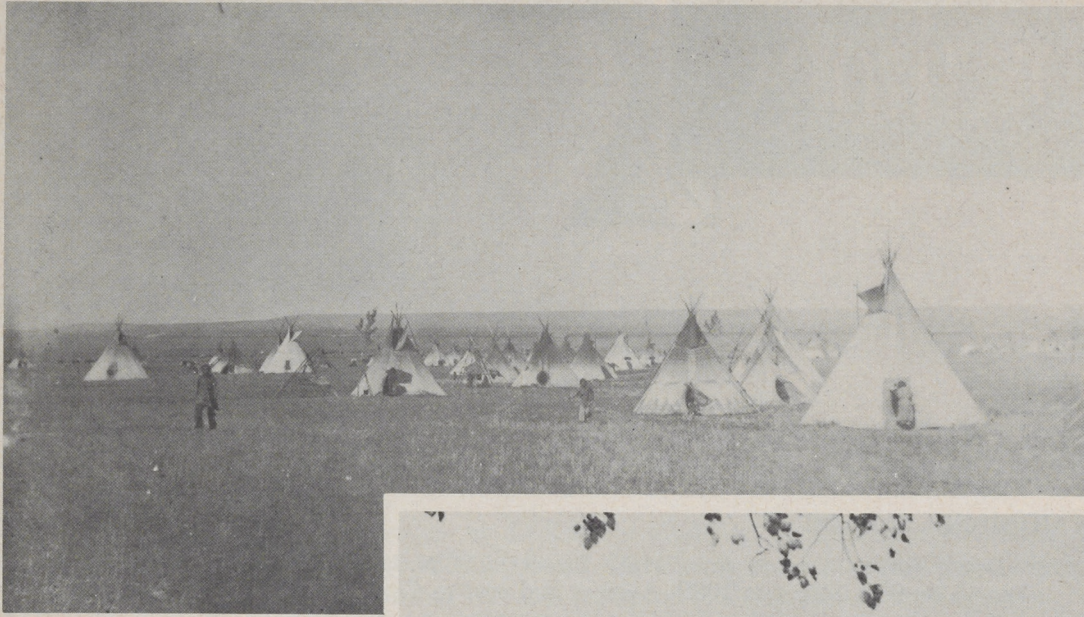
God Save the Queen.

Departure of Lieutenant-Governor, Prime Minister, Premier and other members of the Official Party.

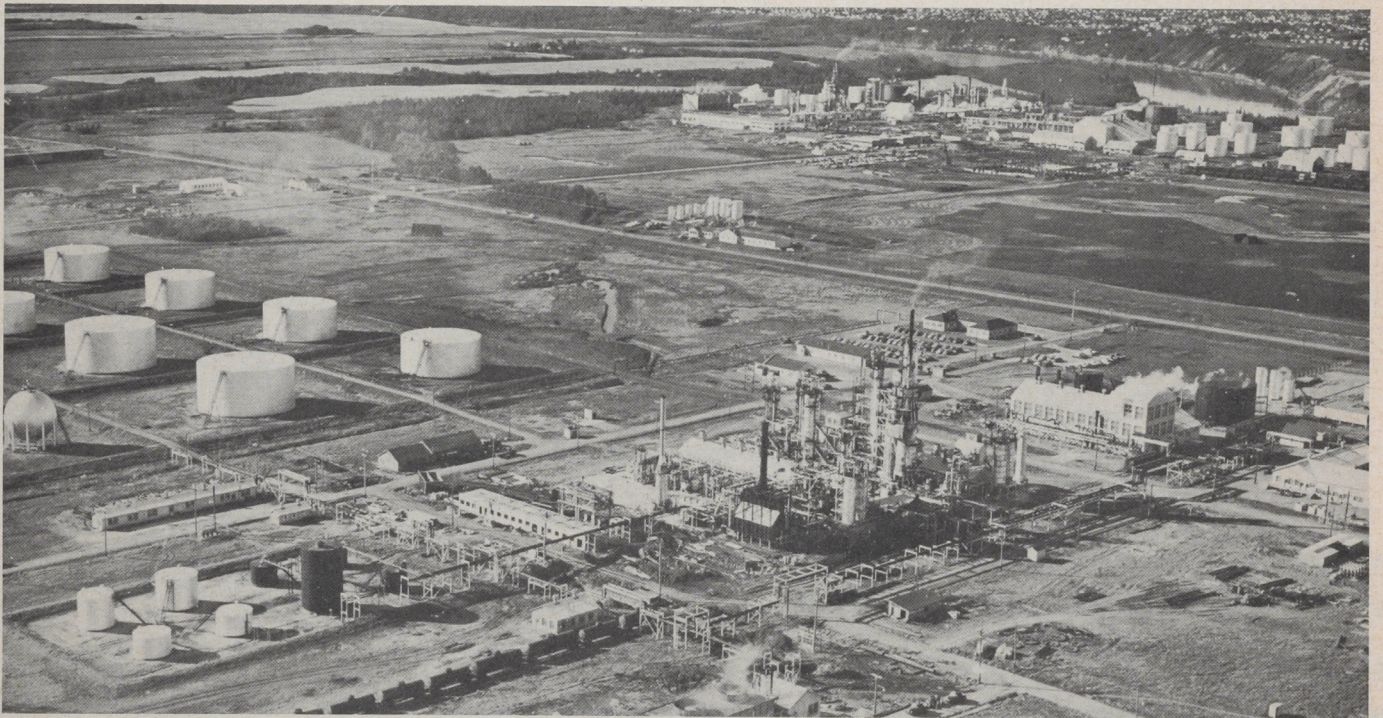
in their places until official party has left the Stadium.

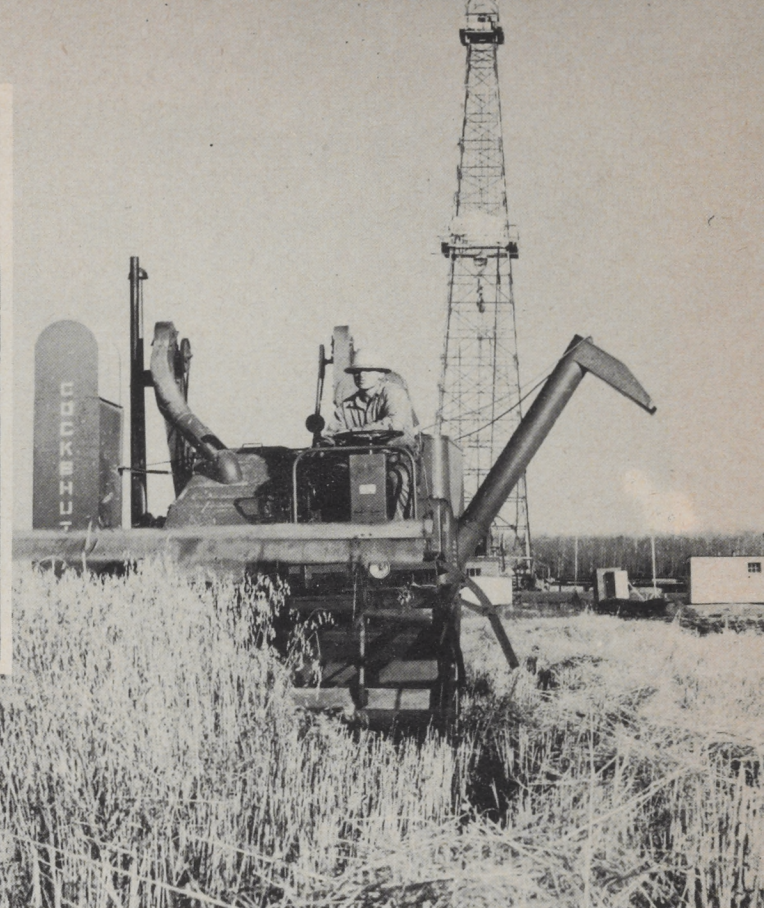
the Stadium program will be held in the Edmonton Gardens.

EMONIES: E. S. Bryant

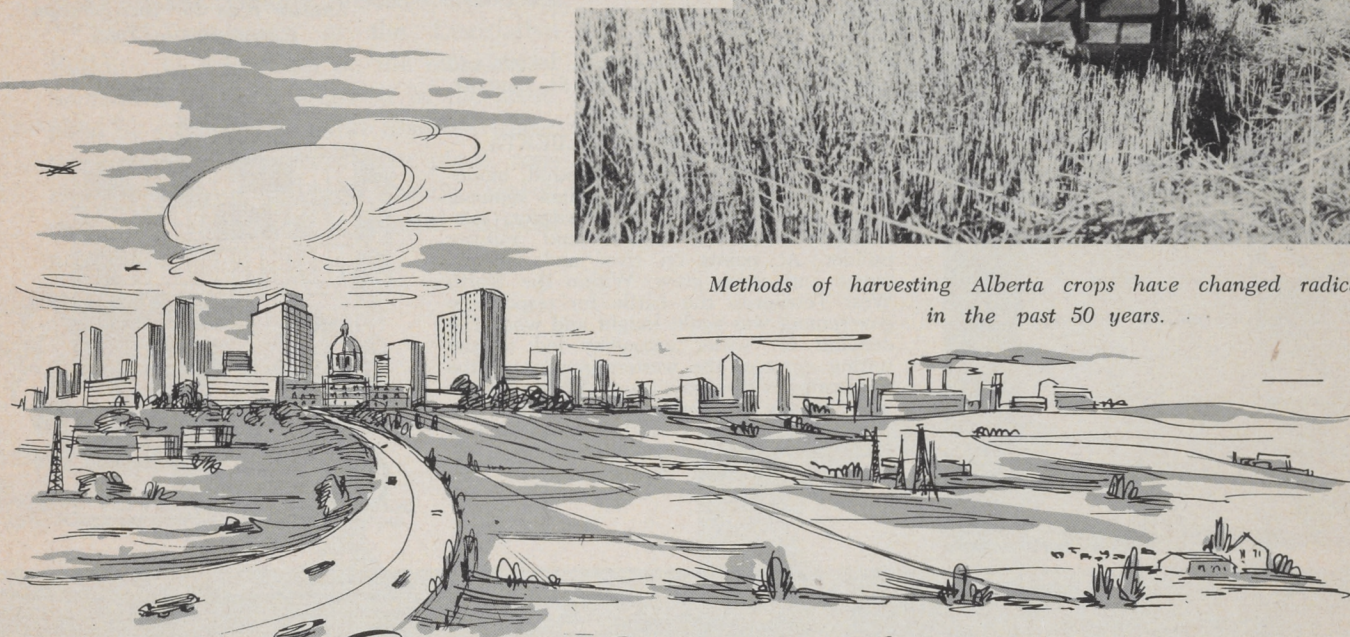


*The rolling prairie, where, as late as fifty years ago, the Indians made their encampments, has now become rich and productive farmland, or the site for large towns and cities and industrial plants.*





*Methods of harvesting Alberta crops have changed radically in the past 50 years.*



## *Fifty Golden Years*

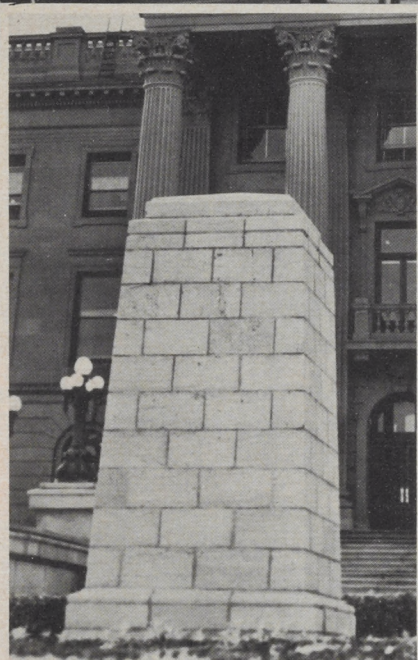
ALBERTA has reached the half-century mark as a Province of Canada. Like any person who has come to this point of maturity, the province pauses to look at its years and count its blessings with humility and satisfaction. In fifty years Alberta's population has grown from 116,000 to 1,024,000; agricultural production has leaped from an annual value of \$16,428,000 to \$619,368,000; industrial output has expanded from \$5,000,000 in annual worth to \$567,300,000.

As a young province, Alberta derived its riches

entirely from the primary products of the soil; today, on its 50th anniversary, a wealth of natural resources lying beneath the soil has been tapped to release a new stream of productive energy. The view at the mid-century mark is still as limitless as the prairie horizon; expanding cities, the complicated structures of new petrochemical plants rising on farmlands near the stark outlines of drilling derricks, industries processing and marketing exciting new products, highlight the present and outline the future.



*This Mounted Escort, of the 19th Alberta Dragoons in ceremonial dress last appeared in Edmonton on the occasion of the Royal Visit in 1939.*



*Inscription on this monument, which will be unveiled by Prime Minister St. Laurent:*

#### CREATION OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

To this land of prairie, foothill, mountain and river, where the Indian roamed, came explorer, fur trader, voyageur, missionary, ranchman, farmer and railway builder. At points on river and railway, towns and cities grew. Within the North West Territories the battle for responsible government was again fought and won. The demand for wider autonomy led to the setting apart of the western portion of the Territories as the Province of Alberta, which was formally inaugurated on 1st September, 1905. Hon. G. H. V. Bulyea was the first Lieutenant-Governor and the Hon. A. C. Rutherford the first Premier.



# Golden Jubilee

## CELEBRATION CEREMONIES

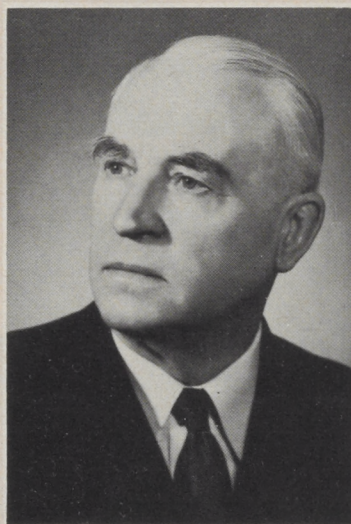
SEPTEMBER 7th, 1955

EDMONTON, Alberta

OFFICIAL Golden Jubilee Ceremonies will commence at the Legislative Building in Edmonton on the morning of September 7, 1955, followed in the afternoon by a parade to Clarke Stadium where the formal program will take place, concluding with a military parade, march past and salute, and a colorful national pageant.



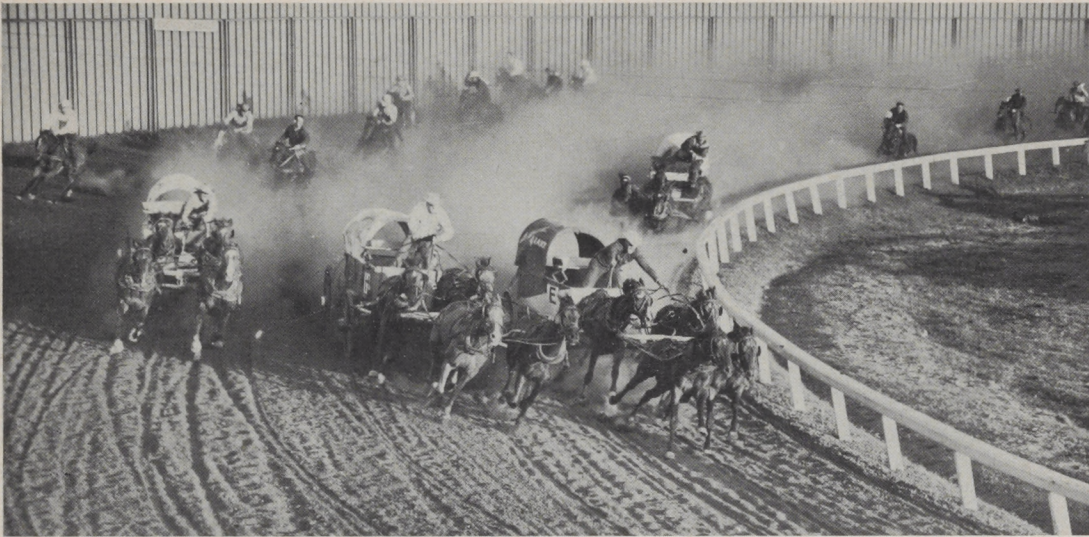
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LOUIS ST. LAURENT  
*Prime Minister of Canada*



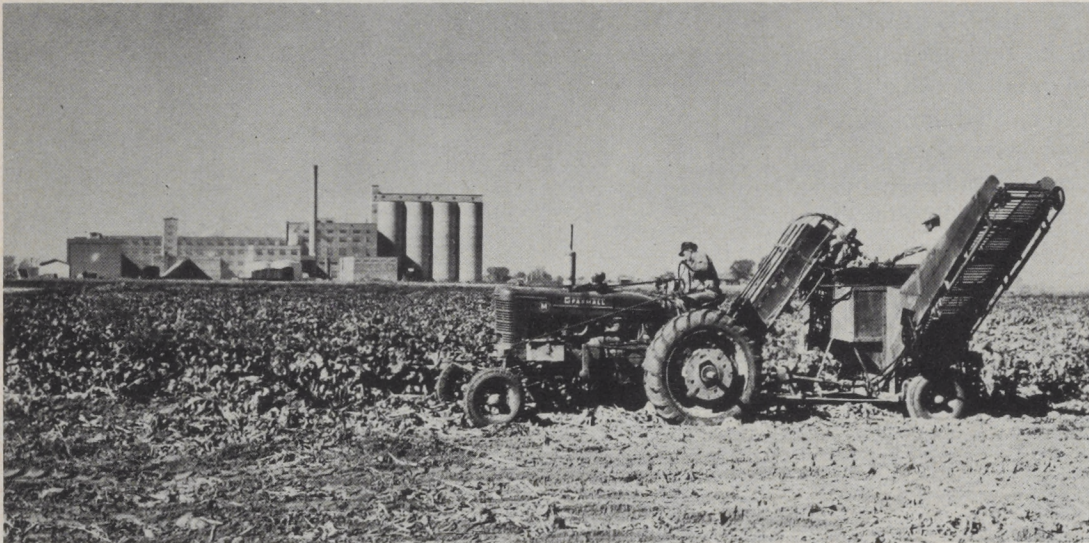
THE HONOURABLE J. J. BOWLEN  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta*



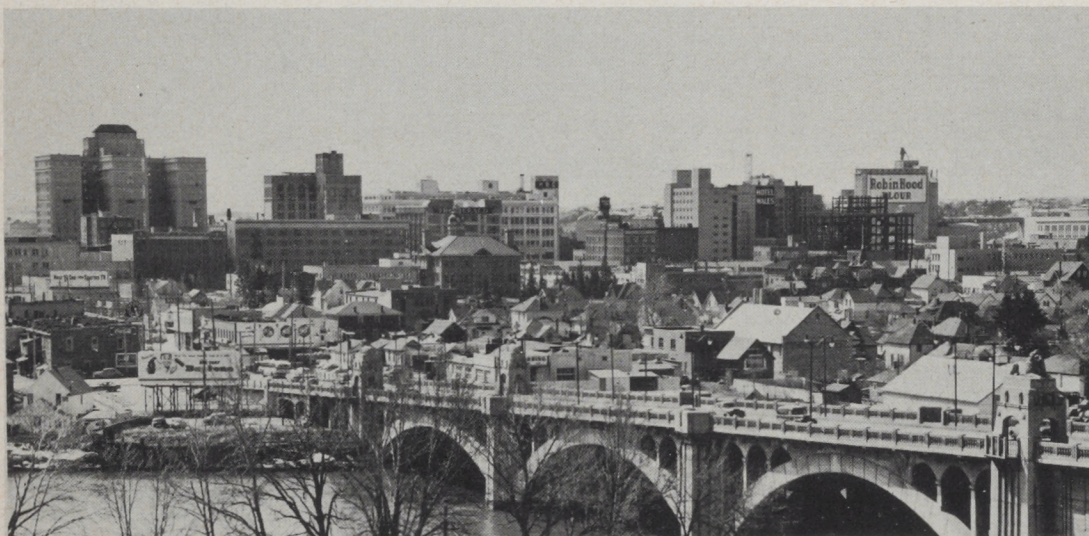
THE HONOURABLE E. C. MANNING  
*Premier of Alberta*



*The old west lives again each July at the famous Calgary Stampede.*



*Huge sugar beet crops supply a sugar refinery in southern Alberta.*



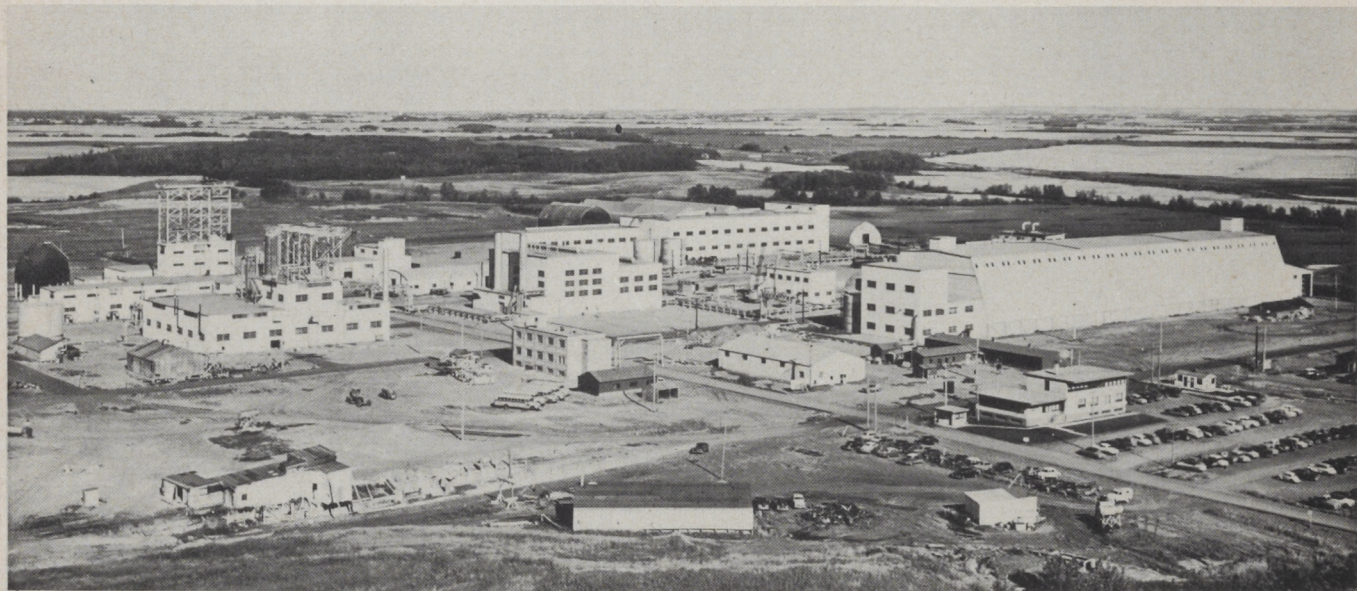
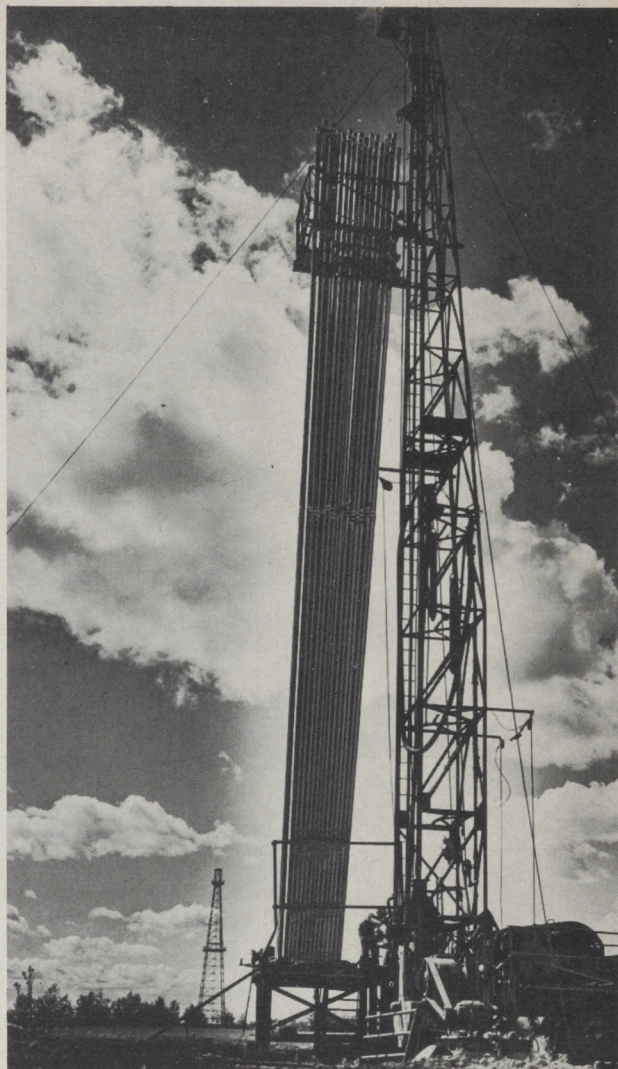
*Calgary, "cow town" of the old west, has become a large and busy city.*

# ALBERTA TODAY

*Right: The discovery of huge new oilfields has radically changed Alberta's economy.*

*Below: Visitors from all over the world come to enjoy the scenic beauty of the province.*

*The establishment of a petrochemical industry in Alberta predicts a great industrial future for the province.*





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